(b) whether Government have examined such systems to reduce road accidents;

(c) whether Government considered the possibility of establishing "Traffic Management Centres" to improve road safety; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

World Bank assistance to Modernise State Roadways

4041. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the State Roads for renovation, modernisation and improvement with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, what are those State Roads in Orissa proposed for World Bank assistance for modernisation and upgradation;

(c) whether the Road from Panikoili and Rourkela via Keonjhargarh, Bhadrasahi and Lahunipara is one of such road; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following projects for State roads in Orissa have been posed to the World Bank for possible loan assistance:

1. Improvement to Cuttak Chandbali Road.

2. Improvement to Khurda Nayagarh Daspalla Road.

3. Widening and strengthening of Kerada Rayagada-Muniguda-Bhawanipatna-Khariar-Nawapara-Khariar Road.

4. Widening and stregthening of Panikoili-Keonjhar-Joda-Rajmunda Road.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The estimated cost of the road project is Rs. 102.22 crores and road length to be covered is 267 kms.

Haldia Port

4042. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: what efforts have been made to make the optimum use of the bulk handling facilities of the Haldia Port by relocating the movement of various traded goods towards that Port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): At present there is no law as per which the Port users can be asked to utilise the facilities available at any particular Port. The users can make use of any Port of their choice. Constant efforts are made by the Government to improve the productivity of Haldia Port and its cargo handling efficiency. An outlay of Rs. 190.00 crores has been provided in the Eighth Five Year Plan to increase the productivity and efficiency of Haldia Port.

Dispute with Railway Ministry on Calcutta Port facilities

4043. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dispute with the Railway Ministry regarding the extension of circular line in Calcutta, from Princepghat to Majherhat, by using the existing Calcutta Port facilities, including its railways network, has been resolved; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The proposal of Railways for linking of circular line from Princepghat to Majherhat with provision of elevated track has been accepted in principle by Calcutta Port Trust. The Port Trust has, however, suggested some modifications in the alignment proposed by the Railways.

Hooghly Estuary Project

4044. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 304 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1994 and state:

(a) what were the terms of payment to the foreign contractor M/s. Zanen Verestoep;

(b) what percentage of job was executed before payment of Rs. 23.5 crores to the contractor;

(c) what action is being taken to recover the amount from the contractor;

(d) when was the contractor appointed, when was the payment made and when the contract was terminated; and

(e) what alternative action plan has been drawn Government for execution of recessional dredging project over Jigger Khali Project; and what is the time frame for execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The main terms of payment to M/s. Zanen Verestoep were:—

(i) Advance payment of 10% of contract price of Phase I payable to the contractor after issue of notice to commence work;

(ii) Reimbursement of custom duties paid by the contractor for importing equipment in connection with the dredging works;

(iii) Reimbursement of customs duty was to be made in Indian Rupees; In respect of other predredging works 88% was paid in foreign currency and 12% in Indian Rupees.

(b) The contractor completed works in connection with predredging formalities such as mobilisation of dredging equipment, building dyke walls of Nayachara Island for shore disposal, laying of pipelines from the dredgers to Nayachara Island etc.

(c) A claim of Rs. 75.52 crores has been prepared by Calcutta Port Trust on M/s. Zanen Verestoep on account of loss and damages suffered by Calcutta Port Trust.

(d) The contractor was appointed on 30.6.90. They were paid in phased manner from February 1991 to August, 1992. The notice for termination of the contract was issued by Calcutta Port Trust on 20.4.93.

(e) An intensive maintenance dredger at Ballari Bar region has been planned through Dredging Corporation of India from the next fair season, 1994.

Separate authority for Road Tax Collection

4045. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a separate authority to provide road tax collection facilities and control traffic on National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposed manner of distribution of the amount collected, between the Centre and the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal to constitute a separate Authority to provide road tax collection facilities and control traffic on National Highways.

कुल्लू के निकट बाईपास और पुलों का निर्माण

4046. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या जलभूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने कुल्लू शहर के समीप राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर बाईपास और पुलों के निर्माण के संबंध में भारत सरकार की स्वीकृति के अनुसार सड़क निर्माण कार्य आरम्भ कर दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह कार्य किस तिथि से आरम्भ किया गया है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और यह निर्माण कार्य कब तक आरम्भ कर दिया जाएगा?

जलभूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) और (ख) इस कार्य को निजी क्षेत्र की सहभागिता से कराए जाने का पता लगाया जा रहा है। अभी से यह बता पाना संभव नहीं है कि यह कार्य कब तक शुरू हो जाएगा।

नौवहन उद्योग के लिए वित्तीय संस्था

4047. **श्री सोमपाल:**
श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:

क्या जल–भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या नौवहन उद्योग ने सरकार से इस उद्योग को वित्त मुहैया कराने के लिए एक नई वित्तीय संस्था गठित करने का अनुरोध किया है;